Films to be Telecast

1706. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the films proposed to be telecast on Fridays, Staturdays and Sunday of the forthcoming three months on Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) the criteria of selecting the film?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No advance list of films to be telecast in the subsequent quarter is being prepared by Doordarshan.

(b) The following are the broad criteria for selection of feature films for telecast on Doordarshan:

(a) International/National/State Awards won.

(b) Thematic Value.

(c) Cinematice Value.

(d) Entertainment Value.

(e) Suitability for Family Viewing.

(f) Year of Production.

(g) Extent to which the film has already been commercially exploited.

(h) Number of times the film has been shown on TV and from what stations.

[*English*]

Proposal to set up Autonomous District Council at Leh

1707. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an autonomous district council at Leh district in Ladakh to meet the growing demand for the same;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) and (b). The Government has not made any proposal to constitute an autonomous Hill district Council at Leh. However, in the meeting held on 25.10.1989 at Leh it was agreed that further meetings would be held to consider various problems of the people of Ladakh region in the context of memorandum submitted by the Ladakh Buddhist Association which included the demand for grant of Autonomous Hill District Council.

2. Further discussions were held at Jammu on 10th January, 1990.

3. Recently on 19.11.1991 a further meeting was held by the governor with the representatives of Ladakh Buddhist Association and the representatives again put-forth their proposal for setting up of an Autonomous Hill district Council. While appreciating the difficulties and aspirations of the people of the region, the governor agreed that the matter will be examined in its totality and options evolved will be included for consideration at the next round of discussions to be held in early January, 1991.

Setting up of smaller exchangee in semi-urban and rural areas

1708. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up smaller exchanges in the semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any allocations has been made to various states for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) 5128 Electronic Small Telephone Exchange units are planned to be set up during 1991-92.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are given in the attached statement.

STATMENT

Details of allocation of smaller exchange units made to various states for the year 1991-92.

Sl.No	*Name of State*	*No. of units*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	519
2.	Assam	150
3.	Bihar	159
4.	Gujarat	296
5.	Haryana	131
6.	Himachal Pradesh	144
7.	J & K	45
8.	Karnataka	424
9.	Kerala	226
10.	Madhya Pradesh	684
11.	Maharashtra and Goa	456
12.	North-East **	122
13.	Orissa	121
14.	Punjab	378
15.	Rajasthan	210

Sl.No	*Name of State*	*No. of units*
16.	Tamil Nadu	391
17.	Uttar Pradesh	314
18.	West Bengal and Sikkim	358
	Total:	5128

** Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

Allotment of Newsprint to Newspapers under Newsprint Import Policy

1709. SHRI PRAKASH V.PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the newsprint import policy 56 percent indigenous and 35 percent imported newsprint is allocated to the newspapers having consumption of more than 200 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, whether such conditions are applicable to all publications including government publications; and

(c) if so, the reasons for allocating more than fixed imported newsprint to the employment news weekly having an annual consumption of more than 200 metric tonnes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Newsprint is allocated to newspapers as per Newsprint Allocation Policy announced by Government from time to time. The ratio of indigenous and imported newsprint varies from year to year based on the availability of domestic newsprint. This ratio during 1991-92 is 65:35.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Employment News is published by Government with a view to helping the unemployed educated youth in the country. Its cover price is highly subsidised.

[*Translation*]

Morning Alarm Facility

1710. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'morning alarm' on telephone usually either does not work or works late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed by the Government to provide regular morning alarm facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir, In E-10B and Fetex type electronic exchanges the subscribers themselves can set the alarm and the alarm ring is automatically set by the telephone exchange at the time registered by the subscriber. In non-electronic exchanges the subscribers get this facility through a manual operator through 173. Here also the alaram facility is normally functioning satisfactorily